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Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network — Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

Purpose

The Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network appropriation is awarded on a competitive basis by the Department of Education to 15 regional intermediary networks. The networks serve school districts within each region to prepare students to make informed postsecondary and career decisions.

The regional networks help students connect with the higher education system, businesses, and communities through relevant, work-based learning activities across 16 career clusters.

Funding

The Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network appropriation was funded for the first time in FY 2014 and has received annual appropriations from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. At that level of funding, the appropriation is allocated to the 15 regional networks on a competitive basis based on annual learning plans submitted to the Department of Education.

If the appropriation level exceeds $1.5 million, the statute requires that each regional network receives $100,000, and the remaining funding is to be allocated to the networks using the formula established in statute for the annual General Aid appropriation to the community colleges.

Each regional network is required to match at least 25.0% of the State allocation through private donations, in-kind contributions, or other public moneys.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section 256.40
Iowa Administrative Code 281—21

More Information

Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund: www.educateiowa.gov/adult-career-and-community-college/iowa-skilled-workforce-and-job-creation-fund
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